



Leo F. Harlan

December 2, 1932 - December 4, 2024

Mr. Leo Franklin Harlan of Newnan passed away on December 4th, just two days after his 92nd birthday, surrounded by his family. Leo was born in Shreveport, Louisiana.

He lived in Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Greece, and Indiana before settling in Newnan, Georgia in 1985.

He was a Graduate of Sulphur High School in Louisiana. Leo attended Louisiana Tech University where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and earned Tau Beta Pi honors. During his college years, he was a member of the Air Force Reserves. After Graduating College, he began his career at Humble Oil, followed by Cities Service, Celanese, and then Ethyl Corp, which took him and his family to Thessaloniki, Greece. He ended his work career at Bonnell in Newnan, GA.

Leo was a long-time member of Newnan First United Methodist Church, loyally serving on various committees. He was an active member of the Henry Kitchens Sunday School Class, Chancel Choir, Parish Choir, and The Swinging Singing Seniors. During Leo's lifetime, he enjoyed years of duck hunting, fishing, and woodworking. So much of his woodwork is now treasured by his family and friends. Most of all, he was a lover of animals, especially Scottish Terrier dogs. It was a lucky dog who had Leo as a companion. Leo served the Lord by helping others. This included his church and community.

He was especially fond of and found great joy in teaching his ten grandsons woodworking, fishing, and general life skills.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Doug and Ruby Harlan, his grandson Micah Miller, and Gwen - the love of his life to whom he was married for sixty-four years. Leo is survived by his children, Eric Harlan (Glena), Debbie Miller (Roger), Susan LeMaire (Patrick), and Leo Harlan, Jr. (Jan). He is also survived by his grandsons Scott Harlan (Elizabeth), Stephen Harlan (Kelly), Benjamin Miller (Jenny), Paul LeMaire (Caitlin), Adam LeMaire (Stefanie), Isaac LeMaire, Ryan Harlan (Kate), Andrew Harlan (Kaley), Jacob Harlan, and 10 great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

Visitation will be in the Sanctuary at Newnan First United Methodist Church on December 9, 2024, beginning at 9:00 AM until service time. A celebration of Leo's life will follow at 11:00 AM with Rev. Andrew Chappell and Rev. Connor Bell officiating.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Newnan First United Methodist Church.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Trellis Brown lit a candle in memory of Leo F. Harlan*



Trellis Brown - January 01, 2025 at 09:57 AM

HD

“ *Leo was a highly admired work associate and consummate professional in every respect. I was fortunate to have shared time with him.*
Harry Dunn

Harry Dunn - December 09, 2024 at 10:38 AM

VD

“ *prayers for the Harlan family*

Vicki and Gary Dell - December 07, 2024 at 10:53 PM

LJ

“ I sang in the Chancel choir for many years with Leo and Gwen. Leo often muttered brief but hilarious editorial comments from the back row during choir practice. Gwen would turn and glare at him from the front row and scold him with a "Hush, Leo!" It was clear that both of them enjoyed their role in disrupting our rehearsals. My fiancé Melinda also joined the choir, and we asked the choir to sing at our wedding. They surprised us by throwing us a shower that was a mock wedding rehearsal where each choir member had a role. Gwen was the mother of the groom, dressed in brown and wearing a sign that said, "Wear brown and keep your mouth shut." (It was a struggle, but she played the part to perfection.) Leo was the bride, and he entered the room in full bridal regalia including a veil. I have no idea where they found a bridal dress for someone that tall. I was required to play myself while Melinda watched. Leo milked his role for all it was worth and had everyone laughing with every word that came out of his mouth. And yes, I had to speak my wedding vows...to him. I do not mean any disrespect by describing these memories. For me, the legacy that Leo and Gwen left is one of joy - I cannot think of either one of them without smiling because if you were ever in their presence, you were usually laughing at their antics. My family and I will be praying for all the Harlan family during this time of loss.

Lewis Jackson

Lewis Jackson - December 07, 2024 at 06:49 AM

HK

“ I was able to share a duck hunting blind and I fishing boat with Leo. He will be missed. Praying for the family.

Harvey Kieffer - December 06, 2024 at 09:45 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Harlan’s passing. He and my father sang together in the Swinging Senior Singers at church. Now I know they are singing together in heaven. Prayers to your family during this time.

Ruth Jones Warren - December 06, 2024 at 12:33 PM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Leo F. Harlan



Gerrie Petty - December 06, 2024 at 11:16 AM

NS

Jenny and Ben, so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.
Nancy Purpera Surber

Nancy Purpera Surber - December 10, 2024 at 08:04 PM